

to endeavour to raise a loan from some other Division, and pay the amount borrowed from Howard Division. Your Grand Scribe was not able to accomplish this before the Annual Meeting of the Grand Division, when the subject was again brought up, and talked over, — and the names of several Divisions mentioned, which it was then thought would grant such a loan, if application were made to them. Soon after your Grand Scribe made application to them, but found that none of them had funds at their disposal to grant the required loan.

On finding that the amount required could not be raised in the way expected, the Grand Worthy Patriarch and several of the Divisions were consulted on the subject, and they unanimously recommended that an appeal be made to the Divisions under our jurisdiction, and asked to contribute as much as they were able towards the paying off of the debt incurred at the commencement of this Grand Division, viz: the sum of Thirty pounds, which was borrowed from Howard and Gough Divisions, £15 from each. Clarenceville Division in urging this recommendation offered to contribute One pound five shillings, and had no doubt but that each Division would at least give this sum, towards so desirable an object.

On the strength of this recommendation and with the consent of the Grand Worthy Patriarch, I made this appeal to the Divisions under our jurisdiction, with the full persuasion that it would be generally responded to.

In reply to that circular the following Divisions contributed the sums opposite to their names, viz:

Lacolle Division, 25s; Clarenceville Division, 25s; Cameron Division, 25s; St. Andrews Division, 20s; Wellington Division, 15s; Lancaster Division, 15s; Victoria Division, 25s; Aylmer Division, 25s; St. Lawrence Division, 26s 6d; Howard Division, 30s; amounting to £11 11s 6d.

With the help thus afforded I have paid off the debt to Howard Division, and I am still in hopes of receiving further contributions from some of the other Divisions, so that I may be enabled to pay off the loan from Gough Division soon, and thus